

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

March 13, 2014

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 27, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending March 5, 2014 in the amount of \$ 251,141.65 and March 13, 2014 in the amount of \$ 255,101.44 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of February 27 – March 12, 2014
- Report from the Building Inspector's office March 10, 2014
- Report of the Work Session of the Common Council held on March 6, 2014
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of February 2014
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of February 2014 in the total amount of \$8,673.19

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending March 7, 2014 in the amount of \$ 213,141.11 and March 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,236,633.34 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Christian O'Brien and Anthony Abare** SUNY Students spoke about the "I'm a Ted Kid Campaign that they have been working on with the Ted K Center.

**Councilor O'Connell** asked if there were statistics of the number of kids that attend.

**Christian O'Brien and Anthony Abare** asked another representative from their group to answer and they stated approximately 150 children.

[The Council had further discussion with the group about the program and the Ted K Center]

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW P-1 OF 2014**

**RESOLVED:** Local Law P-1 of 2014 amending Chapter 270 of the City Code concerning special permitted uses in Industrial Zones. A copy of said local law is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

1. City Code Chapter 270, Schedule I, Schedule of Permitted Uses Part B is amended to:
  - a. include Hotels as a special permitted use
  - b. include Eating and Drinking establishments as a special permitted use
2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor and filing with the Secretary of State.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion:

**Councilor Dowdle** glad to see it take place makes things shovel ready.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Apostles for Life to use 3 parking spaces in front of 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Friday, April 18, 2014 from 10:00a.m. to 11:00 am for a prayer vigil.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion:

**Councilor Armstrong** said while I'm committed to protect this groups rights or any other's right to free speech. I do not feel that any protester should be awarded a privilege position as would be indicated by approving this request. These are public parking spaces that as are other spaces on public streets for public use. Deprivation of these spaces causes hardship to those who rely upon these spaces for residential, professional or patron's use so I object.

**Councilor Kasper** said I have to concur with Rachelle. I don't think it's right nor fair. It is effectively a protest although it is a prayer group, but, prayer can take place in private. So it is very public so it amounts to a protest of the services of the establishment. To me it would be akin to someone who was against the diamond trade industry taking up parking spaces in front of a jewelry store. In all fairness I don't think that is appropriate or has any equity in the law.

**Mayor Calnon** said I'd like to point out that the very same thing occurred to me quite some time ago. I really had a lot of trouble determining if this was a religious service or a protest. As you did, I concluded that it was a protest and really felt that is a free speech issue. The thing that really brought it home for me was when we had a different group of folks come to protest we did essentially the same thing. We assigned them to specific places that they could protest from. In my mind that's akin to the same thing here. That it is, despite something that I'm not happy about, I think it is a free speech issue. So, I will probably have to support it if it gets to me.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Kasper, Kretser voted in the negative. Councilors Dowdle and O'Connell voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Defeated

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2014 market season from May 10 - October 11, 2014.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

## Discussion:

**Councilor Armstrong** said I would like to give thanks for the Plattsburgh Farmers Market for some wonderful work and has an impressive reputation. And has drawn significant numbers of people to downtown which is something that we're thrilled about. I think that it is supporting local farms and artists and this is a way to boost our economy. So I hope that we can engage in conversations with this group in order to expand its operations. There are many local farmers who would love to be able to participate and as of yet there are restrictions. We need to expand this and make it something that people are truly attracted to from out of town.

**Councilor Dowdle** said do you know what some of the restrictions are? I don't know if he is a local farmer. But his thoughts were he only sells what he produces. His thoughts were that a lot comes from New Jersey. He would only sell what he grows and he gave statistics on the number of farms that have opened locally. I was at the Rec Center and was surprised at the number of local farms that have opened up in Clinton County. But, they are having a hard time getting in due to lack of response from their inquiries. Some have been told there's no room even though they are more than willing to set up outside. I'm just wondering if any of that's changed to include more some are being told there's no room at this point for them. Some of these growers would only sell what they produce.

**Mayor Calnon** said I had a brief conversation the other day about that. I can only give you the results of that I really can't get any deeper than that. One of the things that was brought up is they try to be sure there's a variety. The gentleman I was speaking to was bee keeper and one year 5 people came to sell honey and none of them sold enough honey to make it worthwhile. So what's happened in subsequent years is the others dropped out. Now that he's in the management they are trying to expand that concept so you don't have 7 cucumber vendors. And the other piece that really has kind of restricted what they're doing is its farmers and crafters. So that takes up some of the space that's there so the options aren't as good. They really are willing to talk about how to do things and how to do things better.

**Councilor Kasper** said maybe we could get an extension down at part of the waterfront development at the marina. It would be wonderful.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I'd like a lot more variety. Who restricts them is it the group that does it or do we?

**Mayor Calnon** said we give them the authority to use the building and they run the operation.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I'd like them to expand. I've been to other areas and a lot of attraction, people go down there. I would like to stay away from limiting numbers.

**Councilor Kasper** said in Portland Maine the Farmers Market sprawls out on the city sidewalks.

**Mayor Calnon** said one thing I forgot to mention was some people who were taking orders and just wanted a place to deliver them. The Farmers Market said that's not really in keeping with what we're doing. That was one group that we gave a couple of options. We suggested the gym parking area, the parking lot near Dock Street. There was some ill will because of that too.

**Councilor Kretser** said I think venues like the Farmers Market are a great avenue to promote entrepreneurial spirit to be able to start their businesses. From what I understand Cindy Snow who had the Blue Collar Bistro is going to be jumping from the Farmers Market to a store front on Margaret Street. It's a great place for people to grow and encourage entrepreneurs to get started in Plattsburgh.

**Councilor Kelly** said these are good problems to have. If we have more vendors then we have space for them which means we probably need to think about more space in the future. I like the waterfront idea. I think it's a great idea. Something we should probably look into.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Clinton County Historical Association to hold the Out of the Attic Antique Appraisal at the City Recreation Center Community Room on Saturday, September 2, 2014 from 8am-5pm.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to hold the Purple Shopping Craft Fair at the City Recreation Center Gym on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 8am-5pm.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Molly Van Ullen to hold the Walk MS 2014 on May 4, 2014 on US Oval to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Carrie Trombley to hold a Cystic Fibrosis Zumbathon at the City Recreation Center on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10am-2pm.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid No. 2014-3-1 "Install 115kV Circuit Breakers at St. Lawrence 1-Phase 3." Bid opening date: May 6, 2014 at 1:00pm.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.46, 2014 Equipment Replacement for \$109,000 as part of the approved 2014 capital expenditure plan.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**J. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to make budget amendments to the Water and Sewer Funds to authorize the transfer of funds previously approved in 2013 revised and 2014 Capital Project Resolutions

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**K. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2014-1 "Laboratory Services for WPCP" be awarded to Adirondack Environmental Services in the total amount of \$17,210 for laboratory services and Endyne, Inc in the total amount of \$9,600 for BOD/CBOD analysis.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**L. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Engineering to advertise for Bids for Contract #2014-08, DOS #T007064 "Request for Proposals for Community Vision Statement & Implementation Strategy."

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**M. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Engineering to advertise for Bids for Contract # 2014-08 "Ready Mix Concrete."

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action:

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**N. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Center for Womyn's Concerns, 101 Broad Street to have a "Take Back the Night" event on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10:00 pm to 10:45pm according to the map submitted.

**Jessica Bastone** from the Center for Womyn's Concerns read and submitted SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association Resolution #1(the strongest legislation that the Student Association can put forward) supporting "Take Back the Night" walking on the streets and a updated version of the route. Jessica further explained that after Lt. Beebie requested they change the route they discussed as a group and felt that they would be able to pass more buildings that were more of what they wanted to affect. Like Olive Ridley's and [not audible] and we also wanted to add a section of Couch Street because students and other individuals have been sexually assaulted there. We thought it would be pertinent to have us march for this event on that street.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Discussion:

**Councilor Kelly** said if this passes I'm going to go. Thank you for taking this initiative.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked if there was a police presence with you and has there been in the past.

**Jessica Bastone** said yes. There will be a police car in front and back and University Police Chief Arlene Sabo has agreed to help in any way she can.

**Councilor Dowdle** asked if this was previous practice.

**Jessica Bastone** said we did not walk on the streets the last 2 years because we didn't have approval. We walked on the sidewalks but they were still present.

**Councilor Dowdle** said I know there was an unfortunate incident last year and I'm just looking for safety.

**Jessica Bastone** said it's actually more dangerous on the sidewalks because we were in proximity to places that were not quite embracing our event. In addition, there were people that walked through the sidewalks and pushed people walking on the cement. So we faced an issue we would not have faced if we were on the streets.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**O. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence for Nathan Kasprzak from his position as laborer effective February 28, 2014 until July 11, 2014.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion:

**Councilor Kelly** said this is the gentleman that is taking the Police Department position?

**Mayor Calnon** said yes.

**Councilor Kelly** said we're holding his position just until he goes through the probation period?

**Mayor Calnon** said actually no the probation period is up to 78 weeks. This would be just through the police academy.



**Councilor O'Connell** said if he doesn't successfully complete it he can go back.

**Mayor Calnon** said yes.

**Councilor Dowdle** said is it considered promotional?

**Mayor Calnon** said it's not promotional it's a change in class. Labor class is not competitive and Police offer is competitive. He would have no retreatment otherwise. It's something that we have done almost every time someone moves around inside the city. In fact we did it with Kathy Livingston when she went to be Assessor and a bunch of other folks.

**Councilor Kasper** said so is this being filled in the interim?

**Mayor Calnon** said no it would not be filled.

**Councilor Kasper** said so we're a person down.

**Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** said we are actually 3 down. I'm working on filling 2 and this will be the last position I fill. It takes time to fill them.

**Councilor Kasper** said that makes it a little difficult for you given the weather.

**Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** said yes.

**Councilor Dowdle** said if we didn't do this it might make people hesitant to take another position.

**Mayor Calnon** said yes.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I think it's the right thing to do.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**P. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Lisa Harvey to hold the Petwalk at Penfield Park on Sunday May 4, 2014 to benefit the Adirondack Humane Society.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Q. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Emily Cole to hold the Recovery Run/Walk 5k at the Plattsburgh City Beach on Saturday June 14, 2014 to benefit the Champlain Valley Family Center.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**R. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ashley Cousens to hold the "Treehouse 10k" on Saturday May 10, 2014 from 8am-11am in the Durkee Street parking lot to benefit the Max Moore Memorial Treehouse.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**S. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ashley Cousens to hold the third annual "Tiki Torch Zumbathon at the Plattsburgh City Beach on Saturday, June 21, 2014 to benefit the Max Moore Memorial Treehouse.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion:

**Councilor O'Connell** said question on the hours, Steve?

**Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters** said I think it's in the evening 6pm

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the "MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting" in East Syracuse, NY from April 15-17, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$602.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Engineer Kevin Farrington and Planning Board member Gerald Hofmaister to attend the "NY Planning Federation meeting" in Saratoga Springs, NY from March 31 – April 1, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$536.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Steve Peters, Superintendent of Recreation, to attend the NYS Recreation and Parks Society Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on March 24-25, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$350. As part of the conference, Steve will be presenting on the successes of the North Country Biggest Loser Program.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Councilor Kelly limiting activities in our city associated with hydraulic fracturing and other types of extraction within the city limits.

**Councilor Kelly** spoke about this issue he has placed on for initial consideration and read the resolution he prepared.

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor O'Connell** said as you can see we approved a lot of events. We need to step up and advertise these events and get a calendar going. Who puts all these things does anybody do that? I know you're doing the website but can we get it out somewhere else. Is there any way we can do a calendar of events type of thing. Or does it just go thru the Rec Dept?

**Mayor Calnon** said at this point most of that's handle through the Recreation Department.

**Councilor O'Connell** said does it say that Steve when you go to the City of Plattsburgh website does it say for a calendar of activities go directly to the City Recreation Department.

**Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters** said no not really. The challenge we have is what events do include or exclude. It's literally a full time job to manage that kind of calendar.

**Councilor Armstrong** said I just want to refer back to the work session that was held last Thursday. I felt very gratified that we had so many people come forward with their views. I just wanted to report out on that as a follow up. And also make a statement because I'm proud that this Council and Mayor are really interested in responding to grass roots problems and finding grass roots solutions. So adhoc committees are being formed until we can decide how we're going to navigate that committee territory in the future as a Council. Pet Policy and Snow Removal policy committees are being formed. And they'll be comprised of a variety of stake holders. We want to reach fair, practical, safe and doable solutions. In the near future these are immediate goals that we have. I will keep people updated and that we can maybe find some place to put our activities in the media or the website. Some place where people can access them.

**Councilor O'Connell** said I had my radio on this morning and I heard Mike Brodi and Ted taking a tour and I thought what you do for our area is fantastic. I listen to your station all the time, 105.9 and when you're down in Plattsburgh, 106.3 WNBZ. I hear you every day and I think it's great for you to be here and Mike I thank you for taking him around. I really appreciate what you do for the City of Plattsburgh, Ted.

**Mayor Calnon** said I went out at 4am this morning and the streets were very well done. We've talked about what's happening with streets and the difficulties that this winter's brought. But, when it's just snowed our guys can really get it done and get it done in a hurry. They did a good job. I thought it went very well today. Later in the day I went home to do my sidewalks and then drove around just a little bit to take a look. And I think the attention that's been brought to the issue has made a difference even already. I thought that the homeowners and the businesses have done a much better job this storm. Again, its snow it is easier to do. But I think our discussions are beginning to have an impact beyond just the things that we vote on.

**Councilor Kasper** said I just want to add to that. I'm on a search committee for a faculty candidate who was coming from Calgary, Canada candidate and today he said "you guys do a fabulous job clearing the snow in this city."

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kasper  
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:21pm**

3/13/14 Read and Submitted  
in to minutes.

**SUNY PLATTSBURGH**  
**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**RESOLUTION #1**

Written by: Jessica Bastone, Board of Elections Member and Megan Rea, Senator

Introduced by: Megan Rea, Senator

**A Resolution**

**In Support of "Take Back the Night" Walking on the Streets**

**WHEREAS**, The organization "Center for Womyn's Concerns" annually holds an event entitled "Take Back the Night"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Take Back the Night is an event that focuses on empowerment of survivors of sexual assault; and,

**WHEREAS**, Walking on the streets symbolizes a night allowing students and community members to feel comfortable throughout their community; and,

**WHEREAS**, The SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association is a strong advocate for supporting student initiatives that enhance the relationship between students and the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Promoting a safe environment within our community is of paramount importance; therefore, be it

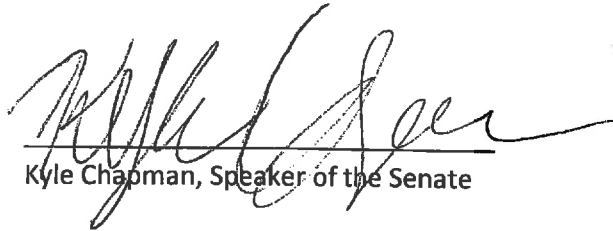
**RESOLVED**, That the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association is in support of Center for Womyn's Concerns' effort to utilize the city streets during and throughout the march which will take place during Take Back the Night; therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, That the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association is in support of the Plattsburgh's Common Council approving Center for Womyn's Concerns' request.

Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Mayor James E. Calnon, Councilor Mike Kelly, Councilor Dale Dowdle, Councilor Joshua Kretser, Councilor Paul O'Connell, Councilor Rachelle Armstrong and Councilor Becky Kasper

Senate Vote:

Date: 3/12/2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Chapman', written over a horizontal line.

Kyle Chapman, Speaker of the Senate

